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George Pavlou, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

Re: Request for Deferral of Listing of Standard Chlorine Chemical
Company, Inc. Site on the National Priorities List

Dear Director Pavlou:

On April 30, 2003, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the above-referenced site (Site) for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL). *See* 68 Fed. Reg. 23094 (April 30, 2003). By this letter, the State of New Jersey requests that EPA defer listing the Site on the NPL pending remediation of the Site under New Jersey state law.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has received commitments from the responsible parties to remediate the Site in accordance with the existing administrative consent orders (ACOs) and the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation (N.J.A.C. 7:26E). In addition, the responsible parties have provided a remediation funding source in an amount equal to the projected cost of the remediation. Under New Jersey law, the Department may require the responsible parties to increase this remediation funding source if the Department determines that the amount is inadequate.

In addition, developers interested in revitalizing the Site once it has been remediated to appropriate standards have contacted the Department. This could result in the creation of a viable and productive resource within the community, a goal that we know EPA shares. We believe that pursuing remediation under state oversight is the appropriate course of action to accomplish an expeditious revitalization of the Site.

Please contact me at (609) 292-1250 to discuss this matter at your convenience, and thank you for your many courtesies respecting this issue.

Very truly yours,

Evan van Hook
Evan van Hook
Assistant Commissioner
Site Remediation and Waste Management

cc: Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell

